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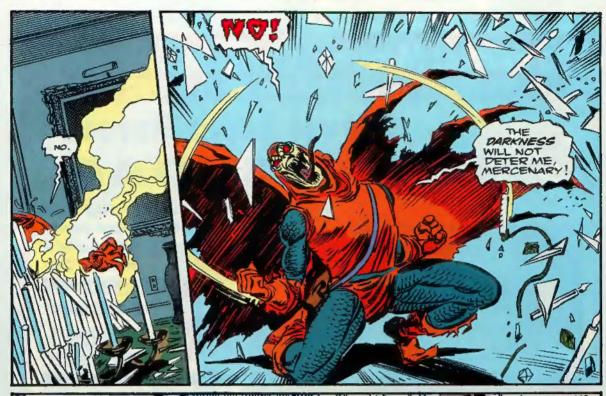




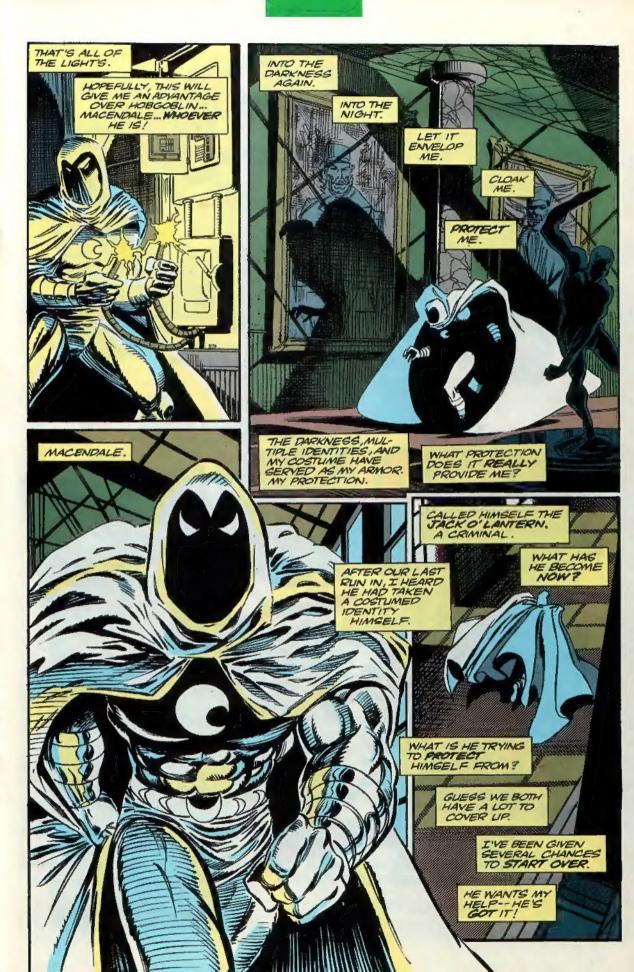




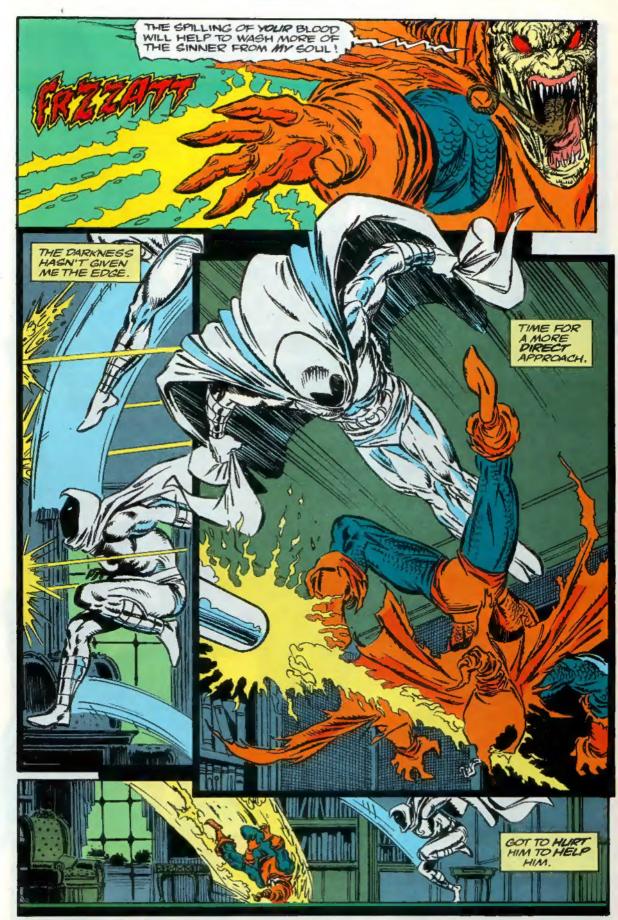


















































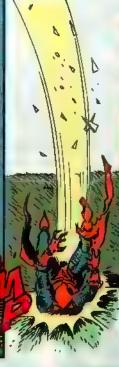














THE TRANSFORMATIONS FEEL LIKE THEY'VE SETTLED DOWN, MAYBE EVEN STOPPED FOR GOOD. THANKS AGAIN. I'LL BE SEEING YOU--











## BULLPEN BULLETINS



## STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes

His name was Vincent Colletta, but everyone called him Vinnie. He started working for Marvel more than thirty years ago, before we were even known as Marvel. I believe we were called Atlas Publishing then. But the company name doesn't matter. What does matter is telling you what a great guy Vinnie was

Hardly anyone except me knows this, because hardly anyone else was around at that time, but the first stories that Vinnie drew for us were romance strips. When I say "drew", I mean he did both the penciling and the laking, and he did them superbly. Now, I'm not talking ordinary, run-of-the-mill comic book romance strips. I'm talking about

some of the most breathtakingly beautiful pen-and-ink illustrations you've ever seen! Vinnle treated each and every panel as if it were intended for The Louvre. I used to tell him he was putting too much work into each strip, that it wasn't necessary to make everything so tyrical, so pleasing to the eye, so incredibly perfect. After all, we were just printing 10-cent comic books. (10 cents! That'll give you an idea how long ago it wast)

But Vinnie couldn't help himself. He was a born perfectionist. If a drawing wasn't to his liking, he'd do it over and over again until he was satisfied. In the most literal sense of the word, Vincent Colletta was a truly dedicated artist.

Years later, after the romance fad had run its course, Vinnie offered to put his skill to use by Inking our other strips, mainly super hero thrillers. For the next few decades, his speed, his dependability, his total professionalism, saved our deadlines and our schedules more times than I can ever tell.

The bullpen and I recently learned of Vinnie's passing. We'll always regret that we never had the chance to bid him goodbye. But I want to take this opportunity to offer our most heartfelt condolences to his wife and family. Vinnie Colletta was a uniquely talented, charistatic artist who was always there when we needed him and who never gave less than his best. He was a credit to our industry. He was my friend. I miss ya, VC. So do we all.

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Stan Lee

ry to remember, the kind of November ... cops, wrong month. Now we'll have to think up a new opening. Okay, so this is the month where we all chow down on turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and giblets (what the heck are giblets, anyway?), eating more food in one day than we do the whole rest of the year. Then we give thanks that we only have to eat cranberry sauce once a year, and Morn puts the whole thing in the freezer for a month so we can eat the same dinner again at Christmas.

Here at Mighty Marvel, we have a lot to be thankful for this year. For starters, our head honcho (and head hipster) Terry Stewart initiated our first ever company picnic this past August. The picnic was a huge success, with plenty of food and drink for all, and fun and games galore (with fewer casualities than we would've expected). Among the activities were softball, football, and volleyball (Marveloids will play any sport that ends in the word "ball"), with the highlight of the day being an impromptu wet t-shirt contest! Everyone is looking forward to next year's picnic, especially Ant-Man, who said he plans on bring lots of friends next time!

The Marvel softbal team also had a lot to be thankful for this year. (Actually, there were TWO Marvel softball teams this year — so many people wanted to play that it was necessary to form two teams: the Punishers and the Hellraisers. But then the two teams merged about halfway through the season.) Both teams had largely unimpressive track records, but the season ended on a high note with a victory over arch-rival, the DC Bullets. DC had won the first two games against Marvel this year, so it was a particularly satisfying victory for our side as we crushed them in a devastating 8-0 shut out.

Team captains this year were neo-hipster Paul Becton, and hipster-wanna-be Evan Skolnick. Noted the easily-bruisable Evan, "This was the first game of the season in which I did not bleed." MVP's for the final DC game were Fablan Nicieza (who thinks it's square to be hip), ex-hipster Craig Kunaschk of the direct sales department, who pounded out a three-run homer, and assistant editor John Lewandowski, who was a hipster when being a hipster wasn't considered hip.

After the game, assistant editor (and intercontinental-hipster) Richard Ashford and his lovely wife Carol Baird (who's so hip she's got a different last name from her husband)

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## NOVEMBER SOMETER

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 BORIS YELTZEN
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MOVIES

THE FANTASTIC FOUR
 COMEDY CENTRAL
 PETER BAGGE'S

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS
 NIKHAS, GORBACHEV
 CAPITAIN AMERICA:

LA PELICULA

• IMAGE SEMINARS

• THE DISCONTINUATION OF FOAM

McDONALDS

SPIDER MAN
BALLOON IN MACY'S
THANKSGIVING DAY
PARADE

 THE LETTER "L"
 TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION

AMANDA PAYS
 AWARDS SHOWS
 SEMIPERMEABLE

MEMBRANES

• NUTRASWEET

• ABC SITCOMS,
ESPECIALLY "WHO'S
THE BOSS"

THE OCTOBER
 COOL-OMETER
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THE NEW YORK SUBWAY SYSTEM

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threw a party at their digs in New York's Upper West Side. Players from the Marvel and DC teams showed up, and a good time was had by all. Truly it can be said that everyone came away a winner on that day (of course, the Marvel team were the real winners, and the DC team went crying home to their mothers! So there!).

The kids of the St.Mary's recreational center in the South Bronx also have a lot to be thankful for this year — their building now sports a huge mural, filled with Marvet characters, painted by residents of the community. The mural was part of a project which takes kids off the streets and gives them a creative outlet. Bob Budiansky, who is a hipster from way back, helped the kids out on the project, ably assisted by demi-hipster (and everybody's sweetheart) David Wohl, whose return to staff was brutally ignored by this page several months back. Also assisting in this project was DEATHLOK artist and ultra-hipster Denya Cowan.

There are some thankful new fathers in the Marvel family these days — suspected hipster, GHOST RIDER writer Howard Mackle with his lovely wife Deborah Highley, just brought forth Into this world a baby girl named Alexandra. Triple-threat SPIDER-MAN hipster Todd McFarlane and his fabulous wife Wanda Kolomyjek just joined forces to produce a baby girl named Cyan. And mega-hipster slash inker Mark McKenna and his vivacious wife Kathy produced their latest creative endeavor — a little bundle of joy named Erin Marle. All of these babies arrived on schedule, which means they have absolutely no future in this business!

One guy who is not too thankful this year is MARVEL AGE assistant editor Mike Lackey, who wouldn't know a hipster if one came up and bit him on the nose. Mike is famous for having the smallest desk at Marvel. Well, recently Mike moved downstairs to the ninth floor when MARVEL AGE received a new editor, cowgirl/hipster Renée Wittersteetter. With the move came an even smaller desk for Mikel. At this rate, we may just take Mike's desk away, and he can put a board on his lap and use that! Look at the bright side, Mike — at least you're not sitting on milk crates!

Be here next month for more hyper-hip pronouncements and fooferah. You know what they say, "When the going gets hip, the hip get hopping!"











